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#### MASSACHUSETTS CONSISTORY WORKS TWENTY-NINTH DEGREE

HE REGULAR rendezvous of Massachusetts Consistory was held in Masonic Temple, Boston, Friday, October 22, 1937, with Illustrious Commander-in-Chief Theodore R. Lockwood presiding.



#### COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF ILL. THEODORE R. LOCKWOOD, 32°

The thirty-second degree was exemplified in short form in the afternoon. From six to seven o'clock a very fine concert by the Consistory Orchestra and Choir was given, after which the twentyninth degree was performed in full This was the first time in eight form. years the twenty-ninth degree had been given in Boston.

At the conclusion of the degree, Illustrious Commander Lockwood conducted the Junior Past Commander-in-Chief, Illustrious Fred M. Goodwin, 33rd to the East, and there he was presented with a Thirty-Third Degree jewel by Past Commander-in-Chief Illustrious Frank B. Lawler, 33rd.

There was an attendance of over 1200, and the members all seemed very much pleased with the evening's entertain-

At the meeting were distinguished Scottish Rite Masons from Maine, Connecticut and Rhode Island.



#### NEXT SHRINE LUNCHEON

THE NEXT regular monthly luncheon of Aleppo Temple will be held at the Boston City Club, Tuesday, November 23, at 12:30 P.M.

At this writing the chairman of the luncheon committee has not been able to contact the speaker he wishes to obtain for this luncheon. However, he assures us that he is very sure of having as guest speaker, a man well known in political circles in this State. One who is a leader at the State House, and who will certainly bring out a large crowd to listen to him relate the activities at our State Capitol.

This luncheon will start at the usual time-12:30 P.M.

#### THE OCTOBER LUNCHEON

NARLY seven hundred members of Aleppo Temple and their guests taxed the facilities of the Boston City Club on Tuesday, October 26, on the occasion of the regular monthly luncheon of Aleppo Temple, to hear Senator Henry Cabot Lodge, Jr., give his impressions of the situation in Washington today.

In his remarks Senator Lodge told those present that the Court Bill defeat

was the only really worthwhile accomplishment of the past session of Congress. Repeal of the undistributed profits tax was suggested by the Senator as one of the things Congress might have done. He said this tax was retarding recovery by keeping business from expanding.

The usual large number of prizes donated by the members and friends, were distributed.



#### EARL PIERCE PROMOTED ON THE B. & A. R. R.

NOBLE Everett E. "Earl" Pierce of the second platoon of the Arab Patrol, has been appointed General Passenger Agent of the Boston and Albany Railroad, effective November 1, 1937, succeeding Noble Walter A. Barrows, who held that office for many years.

It is a well-merited promotion and will be pleasing to Earle's host of friends. Noble Pierce is well and favorably known to all the members, he having routed Aleppo Temple trains on so many tours to the west and mid-west via the Albany gateway.

Noble Pierce is a real railroad man, having been in that work since boyhood, starting with the Boston and Maine Railroad at Springfield in the Passenger Agent's office. He came to the B. & A. Railroad Feb. 11, 1911, as a ticket clerk at Springfield and was next promoted to the position of City Ticket Agent at Springfield May 11, 1916.

He became a Mason at Springfield and affiliated with the various Masonic Bodies in that city.

His next promotion brought him to Boston, June 27, 1918 in the Passenger Traffic Department. By his understanding of the transportation problems, he

became increasingly valuable to the road and it was apparent that he was destined to advance to higher executive stations. On April 1, 1926 he was appointed Traveling Passenger Agent and on June 15, 1929, he became Assistant General Passenger Agent. His final promotion to become chief of the department came November 1, 1937. The Passenger Agent's department has direction over all matters pertaining to passenger traffic, and includes the rates, time tables, baggage, the movement of milk and innumerable other important transportation matters. Congratulations are extended to Noble Pierce and to the Boston and Albany Railroad.



#### EDITORIALLY

CCORDING to reports from the Imperial Recorder the month of May of the present year was the "biggest" month in creations that the Mystic Shrine has had for the past seven years. A total of 2053 Nobles were created. The record for creations for the past six years is as follows:

1931...7139 1933 . . . 3139 1935 . . 5440 1932...4067 1934...5050 1936 ... 6080

The first six months of the present year shows the total creations to be 4168. For the first time since 1930, the creations have exceeded the death rate in the Shrine in North America. The deaths in the Shrine for the first six months of the year number 3593. From 1931 to 1936 inclusive, the number of deaths was 47,190, while the number of creations amounted to 30,915. In other words, during this period, the deaths have exceeded the creations in the substantial figure of 16,275. The affiliations and restorations for the first six months of the year number 5522. It appears that we have an opportunity to get out of the "red" this year, and we earnestly hope that we are on the way to more substantial accomplishments.

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#### SHRINE MEMORIALS

IF IT is not too early to think of Christmas, we might suggest that the next year's card makes a very nice gift from members of the family. The Recorder would be glad to assist anyone to obtain a Noble's card.

Permanent Contributing Membership in the Maintenance Fund of the Shriner's Hospitals for crippled children, would also make an exceptional gift. This membership, which costs \$60.00, creates a "Perpetual Memorial," for the person or organization in whose name it is written. This sum is invested by the Board of Governors of the Shrine Hospitals, and the interest which is received, even after the death of the donor, is used to aid "the World's Greatest Philanthrophy," and is a memorial to his name.

Any Noble who purchases one of these Permanent Contributing Memberships is thereafter exempt from payment of the \$2.00 annual Hospital assessment.

Speaking of memorials, reminds us of one of our officers who recently advised us that he had made arrangements in his will for a "Memorial Ceremonial," to be held in his name after his death. He said that he had found out while exercising his duties as an officer, that the cost of ceremonials was considerably more than he had ever dreamed, and that he wished in some way to assist in perpetuating the Shrine for the Shriner.

This Noble said that the Shrine was formed, grew and prospered on good clean fun and good-fellowship, but with the strain of depression and the Shriner's income going in many other directions, the income of the Temple has been considerably lowered, and the spirit of Shrinedom was in danger of slipping. If this should happen it would cause a temporary halt in some activities of the Shrine, thereby preventing the members from fraternizing as often as they would like to.

With this thought in mind he has arranged through his will whereby Aleppo Temple within a year of his death shall receive a sum of money sufficient to hold a ceremonial in memory of him.

He wished to return to the Shrine some of the good-fellowship he is receiving during his life as a member of the Order.

#### RT. EM. SIR ADELBERT E. PLACE ELECTED GRAND COMMANDER

A T THE 134th annual conclave of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templars of Massachusetts and Rhode Island, held in Boston, October 20, 1937—Rt. Em. Sir Adelbert E. Place was elected to the office of Grand Commander.

The conclave was presided over by Rt. Em. Sir George T. Everett, who is a member of Aleppo Temple. In attendance were representatives of all Commanderies located in Massachusetts and Rhode Island.

The new officers, elected and appointed, are Adelbert E. Place, grand commander; Harrison Hyslop, deputy grand commander; Arthur A. A. Stewart, grand generalissimo; John E. Rines, grand captain-general; Arlan M. Spencer, grand senior warden; Ralph A. Robbins, grand junior warden; Francis W. Gibbs, grand prelate; Charles W. Henderson Jr., grand treasurer; Martin J. Pleschinger, grand recorder; William O. Tuckerman, G.S.G.; George B. Sampson, G.S.B.; G. Lester Marston, G.C. of G.; Herbert F. Sawyer, G.S.; Frank H. Wilson, Eliot F. Jaquith, Harold Cricker and Ralph Gregory, D.C., and Hervey Mason, inspector instructor.



RT. EM. SIR ADELBERT E. PLACE

Election was held at 2:30 p.m. and the officers were installed by Rt. Em. Sir Walter W. Burnham, assisted by Rt. Em. Sir Arthur S. Vaughn, as grand marshal.

Grand Commander Place who lives in Providence, is prominent in all the Rhode Island Masonic bodies He is a past master of two lodges, past grand high priest of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Rhode Island, past grand master of Rhode Island Grand Council, R. & S. M.; Past Potentate of Palestine Temple, Mystic Shrine; member of four separate Scottish Rite bodies and past sovereign prince of R. I. Council, Princes of Jerusalem.

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5:00 to 7:00 P.M.—Buffet Dinner

6:00 P.M.—Band Concert

6:30 P.M.—Grand Opening and Reception of Visiting Potentates

6:45 P.M.—Business Meeting

7:00 P.M.—The Final Part of the Ritual in Full Form

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7:30 P.M.—Patrol Drill and Review

8:00 P.M.—Second Section Floor Work

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Ham Holland Illustrious Potentate



By Noble J. Arthur McCoy

Associate Editor

APTAIN Arthur Hale Retires The occasion of the Potentate's Ball, October 22, was marked by the absence of Captain Hale, the first time in many years that he was missing in public appearance of the patrol. Noble Hale has been a member of the patrol since 1919. He was lieutenant of the first platoon for many years and captain of the first company since 1934. His retirement from the patrol now becomes necessary because of the moving of his home to Gloucester, Maine, where rumor says, he will become a gentleman farmer after his retirement from the Boston and Maine Railroad. He has always been interested in the military — he was a member of the National Guard for six years, and has been Captain of the Guards in Boston Commandery and Captain of Taleb Grotto patrol, both for many years. Under his leadership Taleb Grotto patrol has won many trophies and prizes in competition with other drill organizations. Noble Hale will be greatly missed, for his tactical knowledge and for his genial personality.

Ten Temples met at Providence - It was a jolly gathering of Shrinedom, October 9, when Palestine Temple was host to ten Temples, including those of New England and also Luxor Temple of Saint John, N. B., and Oriental Temple of Troy, N. Y. After the parade, starting at one o'clock the Nobles gathered at Crescent Park for the Ceremonial of Palestine Temple, and for a real Rhode Island Clam Bake. At the conclusion of the Ceremonial, Palestine put on a fine entertainment including boxing and wrestling bouts, which was most enjoyable. It was a memorable day for all and it was great to mingle with the Nobles from our neighboring Temples. The Luxor Temple Nobles traveled with us to and from Providence, with their swell Pipers Band and their Potentate, Ill. Henry D. Hopkins. Noble Fred Wegener, the restaurateur, of the first platoon, provided lunches on the train to Providence, and Noble Walter Benson, the "big" meat man, provided a snack for all on the return trip.

Felicitations to Baby Jane Waldheim — October 17, 1937 was a momentous day to Noble and Mrs. Robert C. Waldheim, in the christening of their infant daughter at Sharon. The ceremony was most auspicious in that Noble Harvey Leggee, our popular Assistant Recorder, acted as godfather.

Our sick list is long — Noble Joseph Wharton of the fourth platoon, is seriously ill at his home. Noble McMullin of the fifth platoon, has been confined

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to his home since the first of October. Noble Fred Richardson, of the Altar platoon, is improving and will soon report for drills: Fred is one of the old guard, having been a member of the patrol since 1912. Noble Gardiner Wilson, still claimed as a member of the third platoon although now an officer on the divan, has been in the hospital two weeks after being injured by an auto. Noble Walter Surridge of the second platoon, fell from a ladder sustaining internal injuries which will confine him for some time. Our best wishes go to our sick nobles, for an early return to health.

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#### CHAPTER ELECTS NOBLES

A T THE annual convocation of St. Matthew's Royal Arch Chapter, Masonic Hall, 372 Broadway, South Boston, September 13, 1937, Noble Lester F. Boyce was re-elected and installed Excellent High Priest by Noble and Right Excellent Alexander Campbell with Noble and Excellent Companion George A. Weeks as Deputy Grand Captain of the Host. Other Nobles installed were Scribner K. Page as Captain of the Host, Carl I. Priest as Principal Sojourner, Robert W. Ripley as Tyler, and Right Excellent Alexander Campbell as Secretary. Allan Campbell was reappointed Chaplain. Nobles Henry J. Foster and Charles W. Pike remained as Trustees of the Permanent Fund.

Present at the installation were Right Excellent Ralph P. Lane, District Deputy Grand High Priest, accompanied by Excellent Companion Clarence Tower, as Deputy Grand Captain of the Host.

Other officers elected and appointed were:

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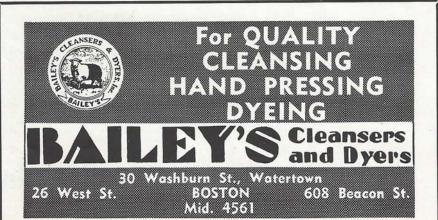


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By Noble Charles C. Fearing Associate Editor

#### "IT AIN'T GONNA RAIN NO MORE"

THE BIG Shrine gathering at Providence on Saturday, October 9, was a great success; although the weather man threatened several times to let old Jupiter Pluvious loose with his watering can, but adopted the ladies' prerogative and changed his mind. So we felt like singing that popular refrain—"It ain't gonna rain no more." But Gee! It did get cold before the day was out. The band made a creditable showing and arrived back at Headquarters about midnight. Thanks to the kindness of Noble Walter Leavitt, who drove us home, we were in time for early Mass.

On Friday, October 22, the band gave a concert from 8 to 9 on the occasion of the Potentate's ball at Mechanics building, which was well received by the Nobles and their guests.

At a recent band rehearsal we overheard Noble "Bill" Koenig talking with our leader about Christmas cards. Gosh! We did not think it possible that the great day was only two months off. It's about time to dust off the white whiskers and the little red suit and get ready to play Santa Claus. So heed that annual admonition—"Do your Christmas shop-ping early." Every year we make a solemn resolution to get the jump on Santa Claus, but history repeats itself, and we get into the same old last minute iam.

We were pleased to get a letter from Noble "Tony" Di Lascia from Altavilla Silentina, Italy, which was sent us by our editor in chief. Tony says it feels great to get news from the good old U. S. A. He is a mighty fine flute player, and used to be very active with the band when he was in this country, but had to go back to Italy on account of his health. We hope some day he will return and resume his place in the band.

We also received a clipping from the chief, sent in by Past Potentate Noble Clarence McKenzie. It shows a picture of two ladies (?) lounging in easy chairs, and one says to the other—"I haven't any personal objections to having a fife and drum corps up here - only I don't think there is enough gin." Now why, we wonder, should this little sketch be sent to us. In the first place we are not partial to gin, and in the second place we graduated from a fife and drum corps when it developed into a full fledged band. And last, but not least, we don't know the ladies, never having been formally introduced, and we haven't their telephone number any way. So what?

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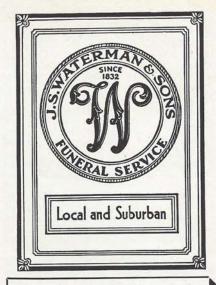
By MISS INA C. BROWN

M RS. FLORENCE K. LEE, Supreme Queen of Supreme Temple D. of the N., and a Past Queen of Samla Temple, Washington, D. C., was met at the North Station, Monday morning, October 4, upon her arrival for her official visitation to Oppela Temple, by Miss Ina Caroline Brown, Queen. In the evening Her Supreme Majesty and the Ladies of the local Temple were entertained by the Queen in her home at a get-together

Tuesday, a lovely ride on the North Shore, followed by a shore dinner was tendered to Mrs. Lee by Mrs. Newberry, one of our members. In the evening Miss Brown drove Mrs. Lee to an Eastern Star Inspection at Mayflower Chapter, conducted by Mrs. A. Marie Obrey, Grand Conductress of the Massachusetts O.E.S. This was an interesting evening to our guest as the manner of inspection in the District of Columbia is very different. Mrs. Lee is the Worthy Matron of Washington Centennial Chapter in the District of Columbia.

Wednesday a school of instruction was held followed by a Ceremonial in full form. At seven o'clock a party of twenty-five Ladies and Nobles assembled for dinner at the Hotel Minerva to pay honor and tribute to Her Supreme Maj-

Thursday at noon the Queen with several of the Ladies had luncheon at the Statler with Mrs. Lee, then escorted her to the South Station to wish her a pleasant and safe journey.



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#### WORCESTER COUNTY SHRINERS

BY WESTON RUSSELL

PRESIDENT Andrew M. Goff headed a large delegation of Worcester County Shrine Club members which attended the Shrine festivities arranged by Palestine Temple at Providence early in October.

Treasurer and Mrs. Robert P. Adams spent a week-end with Noble and Mrs. Clarence E. Robbins at Buzzards Bay. Noble Robbins is Manager of the Buzzards Bay Theater.

Noble Pehr G. Holmes, Congressman from the 4th Massachusetts Congressional District, attended the private view of the Swedish Tercentenary Art Exhibit held at Worcester Art Museum this fall. Among other public figures attending was His Excellency Wollmar F. Bostrom, Swedish minister to the United

President Andrew M. Goff, occupying grandstand seat at the Providence Shrine festivities early last month, commented substantially as follows: thought that Potentate Harry G. Pollard, Treasurer Frank W. Morrill, Assistant Recorder Harvey B. Leggee and other members of the Divan, together with Aleppo units, were among the best appearing participants in the great parade.

In my opinion, Aleppo can't be beat."

The Worcester County Shrine Club is planning a good old-fashioned get-together early in November.

Noble Ralph A. Robbins is reported to be recovering steadily from his recent illness.

Among prominent Worcester and Worcester County Nobles who journeyed to Providence for the great New England Shrine meet sponsored by Palestine Temple were: Andrew M. Goff, Joseph C. DeWolf, James R. Estes (Club Secretary), Charles S. Wheeler (Club Second Vice-President), Edward Arthur Hare of Shrewsbury (Club Third Vice-President), Worcester Fire Chief Charles L. Mc-Carthy, Guy Sargent of Marlboro, Stephen E. Kirkpatrick, John McIntosh, Ernest Reynard of Marlboro; Arthur J. LaCroix, Myron B. Clemence and Far-quar A. Skinner of Southbridge; Harry L. Hastings and William T. Griffin.

#### ALEPPO BOWLING NEWS

BY VAIL K. HAAK Associate Editor

T WAS on the night of Oct. 7 when 16 Nobles broke away from the barrier to start what promises to be the most successful bowling season that Aleppo has had. Two weeks later these original 16 were augmented by the addition of 7 more Nobles among whom there were 4 men new to Shrine bowling activities. This column welcomes these new men, Nobles MacGregor, Snowden, Brown and Springer. We know that you will enjoy bowling with Nobility.

As previously stated in this column the first Thursday in November the official start of the league will be inaugurated. 6 teams of 5 men each are assured. These matches which we are bowling previous to the league opening, are sort of a training period to take the kinks out of the arms of some of our slow starters.

Our genial president Jim Greig (a wonderful bowler when he is right) showed up at the alleys the other night with the thumb on his bowling hand taped. He missed spare after spare that are ordinarily duck soup to him.

Flash - A team of Shriners are to enter the strong Boston Amateur Pin League to take the place of one of the City Club teams. This league as you know comprises some of the best bowlers around Greater Boston. Noble Hansis is to be the Captain and you can bet your Aunt Emma's Red Flannels that Charlie will have a very strong team to uphold the prestige of good old Aleppo.

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#### LETTERS FROM THE NOBILITY

A "TRUE" FISH STORY?
"Noble Harvey B. Leggee, Editor,
ALEPPO NEWS.

"Dear Noble:

"Having been much interested in the fishy stories recently related in the News, I should like to offer a true fish story as recently printed in Frank Martin's column in the Boston Globe, the hero being no other than Braintree's own Wenty Burns, a member and former trombone pusher in Salaam Temple Band of Newark, New Jersey. Noble Burns is now and herewith invited to bring his membership and future experiences to Aleppo Temple.

#### 'BIG FISH'

'The biggest fish I ever heard of was the one that Wentworth Burns, who comes from Braintree, caught off the South Shore. Burns was fishing with a clam for bait and one of those heavy sinkers you whirl around in the air and throw out in the surf. He was standing on a rock, with water all around, so when he hooked onto his big baby he had a tough time bringing him in.

'A pollock, I think he was . . . big on . . . O, mebbe three feet and a half long . . . never had a chance to weigh him. . . . Burns had a tin pail and tries to stuff the fish's head in, so's he'd keep quiet, but a friend of his took a hunting knife and speared him through the side of head . . . Then Burns said, "Well, I'll be sure he won't get away," so he took his own hunting knife and stuck it right down through the fish's back in a vertical position . . . a few minutes later Burns heard a commotion, looked around and there was his tin pail tipped over and the fish gone . . . "and the last I saw of my knife," says he, "was when I spied it running straight out to sea like a periscope."

"Yours in the faith
"Noble James E. Folsom
"Braintree, Massachusetts.

"October 20, 1937."
"Editor, Aleppo News.

"Dear Noble:

"I have just read in the October issue of the Aleppo News that Noble W. H. Thayer rather doubted my veracity in regard to my fish story. I have known men who run away with the idea that they were great fishermen and when they hear the story of a 'real' fisherman they are inclined to get jealous. Of course, I don't say that Noble Thayer is jealous at all, but like the old Scotch woman I 'hae me doubts.' I have never had the pleasure of meeting Noble Thayer but if at some future time I could have that pleasure, and take him on a blue fishing trip, I would show him how to catch blue fish where it was never known for a blue fish to exist. What I call a fisherman is a man who can catch a fish where there isn't any.

"A lot of people will tell you that you can't catch a shark in a lake but they can't tell me that, because I did that very thing. A few years ago I went fishing in Sebago Lake in Maine and I landed a shark. A lot of people thought it was a salmon, and I let them think so. Why argue.

"Now, to go back to Noble Thayer. I think Aleppo Temple has something like

12,000 members, and when you stop to think that Noble Thayer is the only one out of that great number who has doubted my veracity, it rather makes one wonder if they have all read my story. As for this man Pickering (my pal), ye Gods and little fishes, after all that I have done for him in bygone years, and the things that I will do to him in the future, wouldn't look very good in print. The only reason I can think of for him writing this 'slanderous' letter about me, is that he was sore because he did not get any of the nice rum the blue fish presented us with. He was seasick all day and could not raise his head.

"I remember some years ago lying in Port of Spain, Trinidad, one evening after supper. I baited a hook with salt pork and threw it overboard. It was not long before I had a catfish. I pulled him up and just as I got him to the top of the water a shovelnose shark grabbed fish, hook and all. We grabbed a chain hook and hooked it in his nose and pulled him on board. He measured 7ft. 73-4 in. He looked rather stout so I cut him open, and to my great surprise I found a foxterrier with tears in his eyes and a hambone in his mouth. He was very weak, and I nursed him back to life, and sold him to the stevedore who discharged our cargo for \$5.00. I thought that was a lot of money for a dog in his condition.

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the bell.
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"Yes, I am! What d'yer take me for? Did yer think I was the gentleman of the house, or the next door neighbor, or one of the farm-hands, or the cat, or the icechest?"

"I didn't know, madam, but you might be the youngest daughter."

#### SOUTH SHORE NEWS

By Noble George A. Rhodes

NOBLE Waldo B. Fay, member of all the Masonic bodies and of Aleppo, a Past Grand Patron of the Eastern Star, has been selected as one of the distribution committee of the General Grand Chapter of the World. This committee has the government of activities.

Installations, inspections, visitations and Hallowe'en parties have kept the fraternal folks on the jump all the month. "Ken" Martin, new Commander of South Shore Commandery, K.T., must be tremendously busy. Not a peep out of him for weeks. He is president of the Grand Council association and they gathered at the Hotel Minerva the 29th for dinner and discussion.

Commander W. Roy Dawes of Quincy Commandery had a dinner announced for his meeting Monday the 25th of October with a flock of question marks. The dinner was great eating and the "???" resolved into a pleasing entertainment. They have a couple of candidates in the works who should be eligible for Aleppo in due time. Both are men that would enjoy the Shrine.

Sorry to read about Noble Dodge being ill in a Rockland, Me., hospital. He is one of those men that enjoy the fra-

ternal associations.

Rural Lodge of Masons worked each Thursday in October. Rt. Wor. Everett E. Weatherbee, District Deputy Grand Master for the 26th district paid Rural Lodge a visit the 28th and there was a large suite.

George Shirley went in as High Priest of St. Stephen's Royal Arch Chapter of Quincy; Roy Hartshorn heads Mt. Wollaston, and Harold H. Bryant in Pentalpha, East Weymouth. Temple Council, R. & S. M., has Burton E. Durgin as its Illustrious Master. He is a Past Master of Orphan's Hope Lodge, A. F. & A. M., and Past Patron of Mayflower Chapter, O.E.S., as well as being a dad in the Rainbow and Past President of the Craftsmen Club.

In the 27th Masonic District the visitations were all finished in October but one the first day of November. Rt. Wor. Charles B. Worrick of Hingham is the

District Deputy.

Every Blue lodge in the district has candidates in the works. The Royal Arch chapters are gathering a few as well as the Commanderies. Not only are they doing degree work but they are providing much of the social life of the South Shore.

Have picked up a few fish stories but after the articles in Aleppo News would not dare to present them in cold type. Personally, not being a fisherman, think that most of these fisherfolk are awful stretchers of the truth. If there are any that do tell accurate stories I have not met them. One fellow said he spent three hours trying to land a 15-pound salmon and he believed it was three hours. Why a man like that could drive from Boston to New York in less time than the planes go.

#### NOBLE HALL IMPROVING

NOBLE Forrest F. Hall, retired Deputy Police Commissioner of the City of Boston, is slowly recovering from a five-months' illness. We know a letter or card sent to him at Nehoiden Road, Waban, Massachusetts, will be appreciated.